Good News for Homemakers

On rejuvenating your ceramic tile

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Rejuvenate Cramic Tile

This is part 1 of a two-part article on use and care of ceramic tile in the home. The two articles will include tips for cleaning and stain removal when tile is used to decorate throughout the home.

Ceramic tiles come in a wide range of colors, designs and textures. Some are unglazed and have a rough look,while others are so smooth and perfectly shaped they look flawless. Whatever style you have chosen for your home, remember that the glazed and unglazed tiles wear differently. Both types if properly cleaned and maintained can look good for years.

All ceramic tiles are made of fired clay. Glazed varieties are coated with a glass-like substance that is fused to the tile when it is fired in high temperatures. The glazed tiles are traditionally used for wall surfaces and with extra-duty glazes for countertops and floors.

The area subjected to the hardest use in moisture is the bathroom. A trick that keeps the ceramic tile in the bathroom free from mildew is simply to prevent dirt from building up in the bathroom. Have each family member quickly wash the tiles after a shower or bath. That way soap spots and film will not accumulate to encourage mildew growth.

For route cleaning of glazed tile, walls and floors in the bathroom should be washed with an all-purpose household cleaner either diluted or full strength. The cleaner should stand a few minutes before gently scrubbing the tile with a sponge. Rinse the tile's surface well. Pump sprays and aerosol cleaners are also available for cleaning tiles. The method of use will vary so check package instructions carefully for the manufacturer's recommended procedure. You may find it much less expensive if you use an all purpose household cleaner that you already have on hand rather than purchasing special tile cleaners.

For particulary stubborn soil deposits, use a sponge with an all-purpose household cleaner full strength or a scouring powder. Avoid using steel wool pads because ordinary steel wool pads can cause rust stains. Fine stainless steel wool can be used to remove difficult soil deposits. Should you have a rust stain in your bathroom because of a leaky faucet or something of this type, you may use a rust remover cleanser which can be purchased locally at the hardware stores.

Glazed tile floors in areas other than the bathroom can be cleaned with a diluted solution of household cleaner or an all-purpose detergent. Rinse these floors thoroughly. Then wipe dry. The simple act of wiping the floors dry after scrubbing them will keep them from spotting and give you a better cleaning job. If heavy-duty cleaning is necessary in areas of hard traffic, use a commercial tile cleaner or a more concentrated solution of a household cleaner. Apply vigorously with a scrub brush, then rinse and wipe dry with a clean sponge, mop or cloth.

Next week I shall continue discussing how you can rejuvenate and care for the ceramic tile in your home.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

Appomattox A. A. plans to celebrate six years

The Appomattox A.A. Group will celebrate its sixth anniversary on Tuesday night, February 22 at 8 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Since its beginning here in 1977, the group has enlarged six-fold.

There will be an out-of-town speaker for the anniversary meeting and anyone interested in the disease of alcoholism is invited to attend.

Each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. both A.A. and Al-Anon groups meet in St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue. Anyone who has a problem with alcohol is welcome to come and learn how recovering alcoholics received help through this program. Al-Anon invites anyone who has a spouse, parent, or other loved one suffering with alcoholism to join its fellowship.

Alcoholism is now recognized as a disease and this process has proven record of success.

On the first Tuesday evening of each month there is an "open meeting" and any interested persons are invited to attend.

Those who have received help through this fellowship have a beautiful motto. "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I am responsible."

Volunteers receive 67 calls

Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad members responded to 67 calls during the month of January. Squad members expended 315 man hours and traveled 2,367 miles in response to the calls.

Following is a breakdown of calls: transport, 18; cut, 2; passed out, 5; nosebleed, 1; CPR, 1 (successful); diabetic, 3; breathing difficulty, 4; hemorrhaging, 2; heart attack, 5; stroke, 2; auto wreck, 2; overdose, 3; convulsion, 1; fall, 5; maternity, 2; D.O.A., 1; false calls, 1; chest pains, 2; choking, 1; pneumonia, 1; broken bones, 2; miscellaneous, 2; abdominal pains, 1.

Robert West is promoted

Robert E. West has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps while serving with the Second Marie Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

He is the son of Harrison B. and Shirley M. West of Route 4, Appomattox.

MONTE MAYS, Appomattox County's Commissioner of Revenue, explains 1982 tax-return rules to members of the Oakville Ruritan Club.

Mays addresses club

The Oakville Ruritan Club held its monthly meeting at the Oakville School on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. with the women of the club providing the meal.

A member of the club and last year's president, Mr. Neal Fisher, has been elected as the zone governor and spoke to the club in his new capacity as that officer. He also presented an award from the district Ruritans to Mr. Buster Lucado, chairman of the Environmental Committee, for the club's concern and work in environmental management.

For the program, Mr. Cloud Abernathy, club president, introduced Mr. Monte Mays, Appomattox County's commissioner of the revenue, who informed club members of new changes in preparation of 1982 federal and state income tax returns.

Anyone interested in joining this civic club is asked to contact Mr. Abernathy.

Boosters vital in athletic program

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the betterment of the county's athletic programs simply "because I enjoy it."

"It's hard work, particularly the football concessions. But we get a lot of satisfaction out of that work, knowing that what we're doing is helping these kids," Alton says.

"Many people don't realize that the school has no substantial athletic budget," Jimmy Mayberry said. "The athletic program has largely to pay for itself."

Alton points out that receipts from home football games account for a large portion of the athletic budget, and basketball game revenues help, as well.

The Boosters Club-operated food ball concession is a major source of revenue for the athletic program, as are locally staged professional wrestling matches, which are sponsored by the Boosters periodically as special fundraising events.

"The Boosters Club's monetary contributions are a vital parrt of the school's athletic program," says ACHS principal Don Armentrout. "Particularly in recent years, the Boosters have played an important role in the development of the athletic program."

The principal notes that the cost of equipment and supplies for the athletic teams has risen at a rate greater than revenues generated by ticket sales at home games. "If not for the help we get from our Boosters Club, our sports program wouldn't be what it is," Armentrout says.

One thing which the Boosters Club is working on is recruiting more members.

"Our membership is getting low," notes Mayberry. "We need more people to get involved with the club. The more people we have, the more we can do to help the athletics program."

There are at least 300 students involved in school sports in Appomattox County, according to Clabough. The Boosters' ultimate goal is to have at least one parent in the club for every student involved in school athletics.

"Anyone interested in helping the Boosters Club is welcome," Alton concludes, "Just contact any current club member to join. Being a club member entitles you to as much hard work as you can give, and the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped the school athletes in Appomattox County."

WOW plans ceremony

Lodge 71 WOW will hold an Introduction Ceremony on Monday evening, Feb. 21 at 7:30 at the Lodge Hall.

All officers and team members are urged to be present.

APS Menu

Appomattox Primary Menu

Thurs., Feb. 17 - Hamburger on bun, lima beans, slaw, milk.

Fri., Feb. 18 - Vegetable soup & crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk.

Mon., Feb. 21 - Sausage pattie, green peas, baked apples, home baked roll, butter, milk.

Tues., Feb. 22 - Pizza, cole slaw, cherries, milk.

Wed., Feb. 23 - Turkey, gravy, candied yams, string beans, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 24 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, pudding, milk.

On Feb. 28

Bloodmobile to visit

The Bloodmobile will be making a scheduled visit to Appomattox on February 28 at Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

The goal for the upcoming visit is 110 units of blood.

"For the past two years, the February visits have been the most productive visits of the year," said Mrs. Alice C. Martin, Chariman of Blood Services for Appomattox County.

"In February of 1980, 157 donors registered and in February of 1981 a total of 161 registered for donation. We would like to follow through on what we have done in the past during the February visits; it will help us reach our goal for the year," Martin added.

Seamster graduates

Airman Michael D. Seamster, son of Shirley J. and Charlie D. Seamster of Route 1, Pamplin, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force avionics communications systems course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the 20-week course learned how to install and repair airborne communications equipment, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Seamster will now serve with the 479th Component Repair Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

He is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School, Va.

Pancake supper set

There will be a pancake supper at the Red House Volunteer Fire Department fire hall this Saturday (Feb. 19) at 6 p.m.

The supper will be sponsored by the Red House Volunteer Fire Department. The public is invited to attend.

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